

December 2, 2014

**State of Montana
Remediation Division**

Invitation to Bid

MT DEQ Contract No. 415013

To be Opened: December 5, 2014

**2014 Eastside Road Pastures Additional Remedial Revegetation Project
Powell County, Montana**

WRITTEN CONTRACTOR QUESTIONS AND DEQ ANSWERS:

Question 1: Line Item #2: Lime Hauling and Handling. Is the contractor responsible for hauling away excess lime that doesn't exceed the contractual amount (i.e., 1350 tons)? Who will be responsible for hauling away excess lime if it is determined, at any point during the project, that the contractual amount must be exceeded? Will the contractor receive compensation if less lime is necessary than the contractual amount?

Answer 1: *Contractor will be given the exact amount of lime that will be required for the project at the time of contract award based on the most recent lime analysis. Contractor will be required to haul and use that amount of lime. It is not anticipated that excess lime will remain on site.*

Question 2: Line Item # 1. Is a bid bond required?

Answer 2: *No*

Question 3: Line Item # 4. Will the state have access to additional compost on short notice? When will the Revegetation Consultant determine compost content and provide application rates?

Answer 3: *DEQ has procured more than enough compost for this project. Compost application rates will be provided at the time of Contract Award.*

Question 4: Have the pasture units in the project been previously cultivated? If so, when and how?

Answer 4: *Yes, the pasture units have been "deep tilled" to approximately 12 inches in 2010.*

Question 5: On Bid Item #11 Provide Water, What does this item cover; dust control on all items when applying lime, compost, compaction work, hydroseeding and mulching, lime spreading work, injection work, fire control, and daily dust control while hauling?

Answer 5: *Yes*

Question 6: Does the contractor need to include the purchase price of the Lime from Western Sugar Co-op? Or has DEQ already purchased the lime from Western Sugar?

Answer 6: *There is no cost for this material.*

Question 7: How will the compost be delivered by DEQ? (End dumps, belly dumps, side dumps, trucks & pups, ect.?) Will the contractor be required to stockpile the compost?, if so, when does DEQ anticipate delivery of the Compost?

Answer 7: *Compost is currently being delivered and stockpiled at the location shown on Sheet 02.*

Question 8: Is there a Bid Bond Required for the Bid?

Answer 8: *See response to Question 2.*

Question 9: Are Flaggers required at the railroad crossing at all times during hauling of materials?

Answer 9: *Flaggers are required at the railroad crossing at all time when haul traffic is using the railroad crossings.*

Question 10: We understand that there have been similar projects, to the project referenced in the subject line, within the past 4 to 5 years. Will the engineer please provide any and all public data to these past projects regarding, but not limited to: 1) pre-bid questions, 2) RFI's during construction, and 3) Bid Tab data from the previous bids?

Answer 10: *Previous project details including the IFB, Contract, Technical Specification and Bid Tabs have been posted along with this response to questions.*

Question 11: Measurement for bid item #2 : Lime Hauling and Handling will be by the actual number of tons of lime loaded. Will the State or Revegetation Consultant consider payment based off of actual weight tickets at the time of loading? The weight tickets will show loaded tonnage (gross weight – tare weight).

Answer 11: *Yes, Payment for Bid Item No. 2: Lime Hauling and Handling, will be based on the unit price bid per ton as shown in the Bid Form of the Contract Documents.*

Question 12: If payment is off of tonnage why convert tons of cubic yards off of truck count for payment?

Answer 12: *See answer to Question 11. The reason for converting tons to cubic yards is to translate tons delivered to site to volumes for spreading. This should be tracked carefully by the contractor as part of Bid Item No. 3: Apply Lime, to make sure there is neither a shortage nor a surplus of lime at the end of the project.*

Question 13: I was wondering if the compost layer could be applied after the soil in the procedure.

Answer 13: *Yes, however mixing specifications for Bid Item No. 4 still need to be achieved.*

Question 14: Typically with materials coming out of a commercial pit, we are not required to pay the drivers Davis Bacon wages. Would that be the case with the lime delivery? Cover Soil?

Answer 14: *DEQ doesn't make these determinations, please contact the Department of Labor and Industry.*

Question 15: Regarding Bid Item No. 10: Hydromulch and Tackifier: What slope gradient should be used to determine the application rate of the virgin wood fiber mulch?

Answer 15: *Assume 15 to 20 percent slopes to determine application rate.*

Question 16: Are the sloped areas to be hydro-mulched, in one general area or scattered throughout the site?

Answer 16: *Areas to be hydromulched will be scattered throughout the site.*

Question 17: Will you accept straw based hydro-mulch as a substitute for virgin wood fiber mulch?

Answer 17: *No.*

Question 18: I did not see a bid bond required for this project, only performance and payments bonds. Is this correct in the contract?

Answer 18: *See response to Question 2.*

Question 19: If quality control procedures show that lime or compost is not mixed properly, will the whole 90 to 93 acres have to be re-tilled, or will there be enough tests performed to show that maybe only a particular area needs to be re-tilled? How many tests/area will be performed in order to show failure?

Answer 19: *We will test after the first acre (or smaller area per contractor's request) for each bid item that requires mixing. It is in the DEQ's interest to make sure mixing is successful the first time, so we will test frequently enough so we can provide timely feedback. One test is enough to show failure at a particular location, but we will perform several tests as needed to help identify specific areas that need re-mixing.*